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Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Documents A4-A17 is described in the present specification.

Document A2 relates to an exhaust emission control device for a diesel engine.

Document A3 relates to a diesel particulate collector filter device equipped with a clogging detector.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached to Documents A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, A10, A11, A12 and A13. Document A5 is a foreign counterpart to Document A1.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	4,902,487	02/20/1990	Cooper et al.	423	215.5	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
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	A3	11-13455	01/19/1999	Japan				Abstract
	A4	61-112716	05/30/1986	Japan				Abstract
	A5	1-318715	12/25/1989	Japan				Abstract
	A6	7-189656	07/28/1995	Japan				Abstract
	A7	8-312331	11/26/1996	Japan				Abstract
	A9	2600492	01/29/1997	Japan				X
	A9	10-290921	11/04/1998	Japan				Abstract
	A10	10-180096	07/07/1998	Japan				Abstract
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A12	Hideaki UENO et al., "Development of Catalyst for Diesel Engine," TOYOTA Technical Review Vol. 47, No. 2, Nov. 1997, pp. 108-113.
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	A14	J. P. WARREN et al., "Effects of Aftertreatment on Particulate Matter When Using the CRT™ (Continuously Regenerating Trap)," ImechE 1998, S491/006, pp. 2-7.
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	A17	HONEYCERAM®. NGK Insulators, Ltd., http://www.ngk.co.jp/english/products/ceramic/c_01.htm , July 18, 2000

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